

REMARKS

Election of Species

The Examiner asserts that this application contains claims directed to the following mutually exclusive patentably distinct species:

<i>Species</i>	<i>Corresponding Drawing Figures</i>
1	3
2	4
3	5
4	6
5	7

The Examiner required the Applicant under 35 U.S.C. §121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, the Examiner contends that none of the claims appear to be generic.

The Examiner advised Applicant that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, the Examiner kindly noted that the applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of an allowable generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP §809.02(a).

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include (i) an election of a species or invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143) and (ii) identification of the claims encompassing the elected invention.

In response to the election of species requirement, the Applicants **(1)** elect **species 1** corresponding to **drawing Figure 3**. Further the Applicants **(2)** identify and list the **claims readable thereon as: 1-12 and 15-21**. Claim 14 was previously canceled. Claim 13 recites optional elements that do not appear to be present in the Figures.

It is respectfully submitted that with the election of species presented above place the application in condition for examination and allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested. The Examiner is respectfully reminded of his continuing duty to indicate allowable subject matter. The Examiner is also invited to call the Applicant's attorney at the number below for any reason, especially any reason that may help advance the prosecution.

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